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FM AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1124

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL CONTROLS

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1. CONSUL GENERAL AND DEPUTY CALLED AT DIPLOMATIC AGENCY APRIL 1 FOR DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL MATTERS, INCLUDING QUESTION OF EXCEPTIONS TO EXISTING TRAVEL CONTROLS. DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HEAD POPOV STATED FLATLY THAT LENDING DIPLOMATIC AGENCY COMPLETELY UNABLE GRANT EXCEPTION FOR VEHICLE TRAVEL TO PSKOV. HE WAS LESS CATEGORICAL, BUT NONETHELESS NON-COMMITTAL, ON POSSIBILITY OF AUTHORIZING TRAVEL TO MURMANSK BY AIR.

2. CONSUL GENERAL MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF AMBASSADOR STOESSEL'S TRAVEL TO PSKOV AND NOVGOROD DURING MAY IN CONNECTION WITH AMBASSADOR'S TRIP TO LENDING TO OPEN METROPOLITAN MUSEUM EXHIBIT AT HERMITAGE AND OPENING OF USIS LIBRARY. POPOV EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD ALSO BE HELD TO TRAIN TRAVEL TO PSKOV, BUT ADVISED THAT POSSIBILITY OF TRAVEL BY VEHICLE SHOULD BE TAKEN UP IN MOSCOW AT AN EARLY DATE IF AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO SEEK THIS MODE OF TRAVEL. (COMMENT: NOT FOR FIRST TIME, DIPLOMATIC AGENCY COMPLETELY WRONG ON THIS POINT.)

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3. REGARDING REFTTEL, IT IS CLEAR THAT DIPLOMATIC AGENCY

HAS NO RPT NO LATITUDE TO GRANT EXCEPTIONS FOR ENTRY
INTO NORMALLY CLOSED AREAS OR AUTHORIZE EXCEPTION
TO SPECIFIED MODE OF TRAVEL. ACCORDINGLY, THIS CONFIRMS
OUR BELIEF THAT ONLY A COMBINATION OF RETALIATION AND
DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON CAN POSSIBLY
CHANGE OUR SITUATION HERE.
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